

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
<b>Pichler, et al.</b>	)	
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Serial No.: <b>10/572,518</b>	)	PATENT PENDING
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Filed: <b>March 21, 2006</b>	)	Examiner: Mr. Nathan M. Curs
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For: <b>Node for an Optical Communication Network</b>	)	Group Art Unit: 2613
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Docket No: <b>4015-5818</b>	)	Confirmation No.: 4849
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants submit the following Preliminary Amendment concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 5, 2010. In light of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims. Applicants are submitting an electronic payment of \$1,300.00 to cover the requisite costs for filing the RCE, and for a two-month extension of time. This paper is timely filed on Tuesday, Sept. 7, as Sept. 5 falls on a Sunday, and the following Monday is a federal holiday. No additional fees or dues should be required for entry of this Amendment. However, if any fees or dues are required for entry of this Amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 18-1167.